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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337;
In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No.
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing this letter to the Commission to endorse the recommendation of the Joint Board on Universal Service to place an interim, emergency cap on the amount of high-cost universal service support that competitive eligible telecommunications carriers may receive.

We appreciate the leadership of Commissioner Tate and the other members of the Joint Board and Staff as they consider the difficult questions associated with the distribution mechanism for universal service support.

Great Plains Communications believes that this first step is an important step to begin a process to preserve universal service for the benefit of all consumers in Nebraska and the nation. Without this critical action and leadership on the part of the Joint Board the benefits that universal service provides to rural customers that our company serves will be in serious jeopardy.

I urge the Commission to adopt this cap as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

S. Michael Jensen
CEO

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Hon. Ray Baum
Hon. Larry S. Landis
Hon. Lisa Polak Edgar
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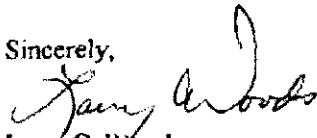
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We believe that this first step is the best way to begin a process to preserve universal service for the benefit of consumers in Nebraska. Without this critical action and leadership on the part of the Joint Board the benefits that universal service provides to rural customers would be in serious jeopardy.

Sincerely,



Larry C. Woods
General Manager

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Sincerely,

Tony Duet
President, COO

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am the president of a small ILEC, we serve 2000 customers located in 10 exchanges across Texas that include Erath, Comanche, Hamilton, Webb, Freestone, Limestone, Uvalde, Nolan, Fisher, Duval, Dimmitt, LaSalle and Maverick counties.

We are writing this letter to the Commission to endorse the recommendation of the Joint Board on Universal Service to place an interim, emergency cap on the amount of high-cost universal service support that competitive eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) may receive. High-cost loop support to rural incumbent ETCs is already capped. We agree with the Joint Board that an interim cap on competitive ETC support is appropriate until long term reform measures are implemented to ensure the long term sustainability of the universal service fund.

We appreciate the leadership of Commissioner Tate and the other members of the Joint Board and Staff as they consider the difficult questions associated with the distribution mechanism for universal service support.

We believe that this first step is the best way to begin a process to preserve universal service for the benefit of consumers in Texas. Without this critical action and leadership on the part of the Joint Board the benefits that universal service provides to my rural customers would be in serious jeopardy.

Alenco Communications, Inc.
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Sincerely,
Richard L. Allen

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Sincerely,

Stanley Heidemann
Partner Communications Cooperative

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary G. Mongold".

Mary G. Mongold
General Manager

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Sincerely,

Richard D. Adams
Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Sincerely,

Stephanie Dukes

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
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Sincerely,

Mark Rutherford

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Jim Thoreen

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Jim Miller

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Stephanie Griffin

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From: Rod Bowar [rodb@kennebectelephone.com]

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Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2007 4:24 PM

To: Deborah Tate; Kevin Martin; Jonathan Adelstein; Michael Copps; Robert McDowell

Subject: Thank you Commissioner Tate



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The proposed interim measure will relieve the rapidly growing pressure on the high-cost USF mechanism resulting from the explosive growth in CETC USF support. Adopting the 18-month interim CETC USF cap will provide the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) enough time to develop and implement long-term USF reform measures without risking the sustainability of the fund or public safety.

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Tate and adopt the Joint Board's proposed emergency, interim cap on CETC high-cost universal service support.

Sincerely,

Rod Bowar
President/Manager

cc: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Scott Martin
General Manager

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